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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, PK
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING -- CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. I BELIEVE I COULD BE OF SOME HELP IN CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FRENCH TURNDOWN OF THE PAK REPROCESSING PLANT, AND PROPOSE THAT AT A SUITABLE TIME I BE CALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THAT PURPOSE IN MIND.

2. AFTER GISCARD'S LETTER TO GEN. ZIA CANCELLING THE PLANT CONTRACT IS DELIVERED HERE EARLY NEXT WEEK, WE WILL HAVE FINALLY REACHED A NEW PHASE OF OPPORTUNITY IN US-PAK RELATIONS. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF THE FRENCH CANCELLATION RATHER QUICKLY, AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE GOP AND BY POLITICAL FIGURES. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, WE DOUBT THAT GOP OR ANY POLITICIANS WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIESCE VERY GRACEFULLY IN THE FRENCH CANCELLATION. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN HERE TO TEMPER THE RESPONSES.

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3. AFTER THIS PHASE OF INITIAL PAKISTANI RESPONSE IS OVER, THERE WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS, TO SORT OUT WHAT THE USG WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DO TO NORMALIZE US RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. I THINK I COULD BE OF SOME HELP TO THE DEPT IN THOSE CONSULTATIONS. IF DEPT AGREES, I WOULD WANT TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH TOP OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR

CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS, AND THEN RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
PURPOSE OF TRIP TO WASH WOULD BE TO ASSIST DEPT IN
EXPLAINING AS BEST WE CAN THE POLITICAL REALITIES IN
PAKISTAN, AND SEEKING TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THOSE
REALITIES AND USG REQUIREMENTS.

4. I REALIZE A FIRM DECISION ABOUT UTILITY OF SUCH
CONSULTATION MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE NOW, BUT WISH TO SUGGEST
POSSIBILITY FOR LATER CONSIDERATION.
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